

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully points out the amendments made hereinabove to the claims which further clarify such claims.

The Examiner has stated in the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance the following: "[t]he applied prior arts and/or prior art of record alone or in combination fail to disclose wherein plurality of network connected computers each having a malware scanner for scanning computer files to detect malware within said computer and transmitting plurality of log data messages, if malware detected, to managing computer via a network and the managing computer detecting from a plurality of log data messages a pattern and a network-wide threshold of malware detection across said plurality of network connected computers matching at least one predetermined trigger, the network-wide threshold being applied to a sum of detections, the detections each being associated with a different one of the network connected computers, and performing action" (emphasis added).

In response, applicant points out that at least some of the independent claims (e.g. Claims 1, 10 and/or 19) are not necessarily limited to at least the emphasized features that the Examiner has highlighted above. Just by way of example, at least some of applicant's independent claims are not necessarily limited to "a malware scanner for scanning computer files to detect malware within said computer" (emphasis added), as the Examiner notes. In addition, at least some of applicant's independent claims do not specifically state "transmitting plurality of log data messages, if malware detected, to managing computer via a network," as the Examiner further notes.

Clearly, at least some of the independent claims are not necessarily limited to the features that the Examiner has noted above in the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance, as emphasized above (by way of example only). Instead, each of the claims should only be limited by the language existing therein.

In the event a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner may reach the undersigned at (408) 505-5100. For payment of the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1351 (Order No. NAIIP461).

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